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Application No.: 10/586,157 ✓) Examiner: To be Assigned
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For: A Molding Flask for a Molding Machine) Confirmation No.: To be Assigned
and a Molding Process Using the Molding)
Flask (As Amended))

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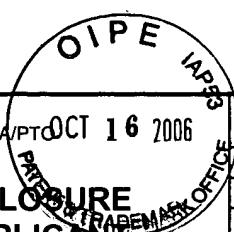
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